

Docket No. 217474US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenji YAMAMOTO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/025,653

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FOR: HARD FILM FOR CUTTING TOOLS, CUTTING TOOL COATED WITH HARD FILM, PROCESS FOR FORMING HARD FILM, AND TARGET USED TO FORM HARD FILM

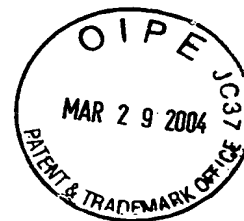
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1775

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:



The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	20	MINUS	20	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	2	MINUS	3	0	x \$86 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$290 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL				\$0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
- ☐ Credit card payment form is attached to cover the fees in the amount of \$0.00
- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following
amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 6 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.